

Appl. No. 09/587,403
Amdt. Dated July 13, 2005
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Remarks:

This after-final amendment is filed concurrent with the filing of the opening brief in this appeal. Claim 17 is amended to correct a typographical error. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested because the amendment addresses only formal issues and places the claims in better condition for appeal.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (310) 789-5100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,
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